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POST AIR-POUCHING THREE PARA STATEMENT BY
PRESIDENT EPHRAIM KATZIR FOR ANNIVERSARY
ISSUE " EXCHANGE" MAGAZINE. TEXT FOLLOWS
1ST PARA QUOTE TO LEARN OF THE CREATIVE AND
FAR-REACHING EFFECTS OF THE US GOVERNMENT'S
MUTUAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM I DID NOT
HAVE TO STEP OUTSIDE MY BIO-PHYSICS LABORATORY
AT THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE. DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN
SCIENTISTS CAME TO WORK THERE UNDER U.S. ISRAEL
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANTS, AND A NUMBER OF
MY PROMISING STUDENTS RECEIVED TRAVEL GRANTS
FROM THE FOUNDATION, ENABLING THEM TO DO POST-
DOCTORAL WORK AT GREAT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.
I KNOW THAT ISRAEL'S HIGHER EDUCATION AS A WHOLE
HAS BENEFITED PROFOUNDLY FROM THE ACADEMIC
RELATIONSHIPS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE PROGRAM AND
THE HIGHER STANDARDS IT HAS BROUGHT ABOUT. 2ND
PARA AS PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, I AM
INCREASINGLY CONVINCED OF THE SCIENTIST'S DUTY
TO SOCIETY AND TO THE EFFORT FOR INTERNATIONAL
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UNDERSTANDING. LEARNING TO KNOW COLLEAGUES

FROM OTHER COUNTRIES MAKE FOR INTELLECTUAL
AND HUMAN BONDS THAT TRANSCEND NATIONAL BOUNDARIES.
I EVEN DARE TO HOPE FOR THE DAY WHEN ISRAEL'S SCHOLARS
AND YOUNG SCIENTISTS WILL BE ABLE TO COOPERATE WITH
THEIR OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES. MEETING
IN AMERICA UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
COULD BECOME A FIRST STEP IN THIS DIRECTION. 3RD PARA
I AM CERTAIN THAT THE CONTINUED ACTIVITY OF THE MUTUAL
EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM WILL CONTRIBUTE NOT ONLY TO
THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE BUT ALSO TO THE DEVELOPMENT
OF MORE PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS.
UNQUOTE. LETTER IS SIGNED EPHRAIM KATZIER. BELOW
SIGNATURE IS QUOTE JERUSALEM MAY 1, 1975 UNQUOTE.
MASTHEAD READS QUOTE PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL UNQUOTE IN
BOTH HEBREW AND ENGLISH UNDER THE PRESIDENTIAL SEAL,
A REPRESENTATION OF THE MENORAH.
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